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Mr. Willard C. Muller		, , ,	
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Dear Will:

My sincere thanks for the copies you sent of your "end of tour" reports on The Land-to-the-Tiller Program: The Operational Phase and on The Montagnard Land Program. I have read them both and I think they provide a fine capstone to your years in Vietnam.

As you know, I fully agree with you that land reform has been one of the most important programs which the U.S. Government has supported in Vietnam. You are absolutely correct in your conclusion that as the U.S. aid effort in South Vietnam shifts toward greater emphasis on economic development, it would be short-sighted to dilute the political gains made under the land reform program in order to get a few U.S. land reform advisors out of Vietnam a few months earlier than planned.

Thanks again for sending me these reports. I hope that your retirement goes well and that you are happily and healthily embarked on new endeavors.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

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Mr. Colby

George A. Carver, Jr.

Letter to Mr. Willard C. Muller

- 1. Attached is a letter which you may wish to send to Mr. Willard C. Muller, thanking him for the two reports (also attached) which he recently sent to you **神風魂**、东京
- 2. The reports are fairly wordy and written in a rambling style, but they are worth reading.
- 3. Mr. Muller's former office tells me that he has recently retired and is now living in the state of Washington -- hence the last line of the letter and the distant address in the heading.

George A. Carver, Jr.

Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

Attachments

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Mr. Willard C. Muller, previously the Associate Director for Land Reform, USAID/Vietnam, has asked that the attached copies of his End-of-Tour Reports, "The Montagnard Land Program" and "The Land-to-tne-Tiller Program: The Operational Phase," be passed to you for information. The report dealing with the Montagnard lands is reasonably snort and therefore no summary has been provided. We have attached a copy of the transmittal airgram for the Land-to-the-Tiller report which extracts Mr. Muller's major observation, conclusions and recommendations.

These reports deal with USAID/Vietnam programs during 1971-1973.

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